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TRANSACTION PROCESSING
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant herewith submits this Preliminary Amendment to the application filed herewith, for consideration prior to the calculation of the filing fee, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 26 in accordance with the following rewritten claim in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

26. (Amended) A client terminal computer entity capable of receiving a customer instruction data instructing filing of a registered trade mark application, said client terminal computer entity comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one data processor;

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at least one communication means;

a memory means;

at least one database;

a transaction processor means; wherein

said client terminal computer entity is configured to;

receive a customer instruction data message comprising:

data describing a country in which a trade mark application is to be filed;

data describing a list of goods and services classified into a plurality of different classification categories;

data describing a trade mark;

data describing an applicant for said registered trade mark application;

data describing financial details of a customer including account number data and customer name data; wherein

said client terminal computer entity operates to store said trade mark data and applicant data in an internet database;

send said finance data via said communication means to a third party computer

receive a finance confirmation signal confirming that a customer's financial details are valid for a specified cost amount;

if said valid customer finance details are received, generating a trade mark application instruction data for instruction of filing a registered trade mark application at a trade mark office.

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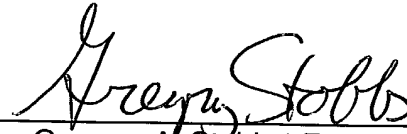
Claim 26 has been amended. Claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 51 remain unchanged. After acceptance of this Amendment, Claims 1 through 51 will remain pending in the current application. The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to correct a typographical error in numbering of claim 26. Consideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a marked up version of each amended claim in which underlines indicates insertions and brackets indicate deletions.

Claims

[27] 26. (Amended) A client terminal computer entity capable of receiving a customer instruction data instructing filing of a registered trade mark application, said client terminal computer entity comprising:

at least one processor;

at least one data processor;

at least one communication means;

a memory means;

at least one database;

a transaction processor means; wherein

said client terminal computer entity is configured to;

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